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Applicant: Scott J. Robinson

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IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICES

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 3 NOVEMBER 2003

Honorable Commissioner For Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the instant Reply to Office Action Mailed 3 November 2003 which set a shortened statutory period of three month in which to reply, said period expiring 3 February 2004.

Herewith Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time in which to respond, thus extending said period for reply until 3 March 2004. **Applicants** respectfully submit this Reply in advance of the expiry of the extended period for reply.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:



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X **Transmittal** X Amendment

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